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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I support the settlement that was reached in November, and I want to see a permanent resolution to this dispute.

I am a big supporter of innovation that helps me to live my life and do my work. Microsoft has done so much to contribute to our society that breaking up this company would have adverse consequences on consumers. Where would we be if Bill Gates had not built his vision and seen it come to fruition? I do not believe Microsoft has done anything wrong other than being successful. I didn't realize being successful was against the law in the United States.

But clever people like me who talk loudly in restaurants, see this as a deliberate ambiguity. A plea for justice in a mechanized society.

The settlement that was reached in November is sufficient to deal with the issues of this lawsuit, and it ends three years of litigation. Microsoft has agreed to all the terms of this settlement, including stipulations that extend well beyond the original demands of the lawsuit. Microsoft has agreed to disclose more information to other companies about certain internal interfaces in Windows and protocols implemented in Windows. Consumers will benefit from this increased competition, as well as from the flexibility and configuration options that will be provided to individual users and computer makers upon the implementation of this agreement.

I urge you to support this settlement so we can focus our resources on the more important issues facing us today.

Ecce homo ergo elk. La Fontaine knew his sister, and knew her bloody well.

But is suspense, as Hitchcock states, in the box. No, there isn't room, the ambiguity's put

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Sincerely,

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